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SUBJ: IDI AMIN VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS

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1. UGANDA PRESIDENT IDI AMIN DADA PAID SHORT AND PREDICTABLY FLAMBOYANT VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA APR 20-22. AMIN MET WITH PRESIDENT TITO ON BRIONI, AND ALSO RECEIVED PRIME MINISTER BIJEDIC AND CHIEFS OF MISSION THERE (WE DID NOT ATTEND AND WERE ONLY ONES NOT TO DO SO FOR POLITICAL REASONS -- A FACT NOTED IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES HERE). MAJOR TOPICS OF TALKS APPEARED TO BE UPCOMING COLOMBO NONALIGNED CONFERENCE, REFLECTING CONTINUED YUGOSLAV CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE DISUNITY AT CONFERENCE, BUT AMIN SEEMED MAINLY CONCERNED WITH SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION, AS HIS REPEATED ACERBIC ALLUSIONS TO WHITE-RULED RHODESIA AND R.S.A. REGIMES INDICATED. IN GENERAL, APPEARS NOTHING MUCH WAS ACHIEVED ON THIS VISIT EXCEPT THAT EACH SIDE GOT A CHANCE TO TRY OUT ITS RHETORICAL STYLE ON THE OTHER (AND THEIR ANIMAL SOUNDS AS WELL - CHIEFS OF MISSION REPORT THAT DURING PITCH TO THEM FOR TOURISM UGANDA SOUNDS OF LIONS AND ELEPHANTS WERE HEARD FROM SOMEWHERE BEHIND AMIN). AMIN SCORED THE MOST POINTS FOR CHARM THOUGH WHEN HE DECLARED AT FORMAL DINNER GIVEN IN

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HIS HONOR THAT "YUGOSLAVIA IS VERY WELL KNOWN TO ME AND

NOBODY CAN MAKE ME CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY"
(PRESUMABLY, NOT EVEN THE YUGOSLAVS). TO BE FAIR THOUGH,
AMIN DID AT ONE POINT CALL YUGOSLAVIA AND TITO "UGANDA'S
BEST FRIENDS." COMMUNIQUE WAS UNREMARKABLE, STRESSING
FAMILIAR NONALIGNED THEMES.

2. IN PAST YUGOSLAV PRESS HAS CARRIED IRONIC ITEMS ON
AMIN BUT THIS TIME THEY PLAYED IT STRAIGHT.
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